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Recycling – Good for Your Business, Good for the Environment

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Local Focus Sunnyvale Businesses Win WRAP Awards

Three businesses in Sunnyvale, Hewlett-Packard, Juniper Networks and Safeway, have received a 2005 award from the State of California's Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP).

Juniper Networks

Sunnyvale-based **Juniper Networks** (*www.juniper.net*), which offers networking and security products, successfully reduced its impact on the local environment by diverting over 250 tons of materials from the landfill. Juniper's recycling program includes: wood, cardboard, paper, cans & bottles, batteries, electronic waste, metal, and fluorescent lamps. Through its aggressive recycling efforts, Juniper Networks realized a savings of over \$33,000 in 2004. These savings help fund ongoing recycling efforts.

For more information about Juniper Network's recycling program, please

contact Erica Chew, National Accounts Manager at FRG Waste Resources Inc., at (877) 374-9278 toll-free or email *Erica@frgwaste.com*.

Stay tuned for highlights on Hewlett-Packard's and Safeway's recycling programs in the next edition. The next WRAP cycle begins April 1, 2006 with applications due on June 30, 2006. Visit

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WRAP for details.



Barbara Rigdon, Facility Operations Manager for Juniper Networks, and Ramon Prado, Shipping and Receiving Supervisor, of Juniper Networks helped the company realize an estimated savings of \$15,000 annually by instituting a program to reuse wooden boxes that the company receives to ship back out its products.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Business Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events

February 17 March 17 April 14

Qualifying businesses may participate by appointment only. (408) 299-7300 www.hhw.org

Santa Clara County Green Business Conference

March 17 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Sunnyvale Community Center See the enclosed registration form or visit <u>http://greenbiz.sccgov.org</u> for more information.

Celebrate Earth Day! April 22

Visit <u>www.earthday.org</u> for more information.

Towards Sustainability Local Organizations (Part I)

There are several local organizations available to help Sunnyvale business move towards sustainability – a balance of financial prosperity with social responsibility and environmental stewardship. The next two editions of Business Recycling Solutions will highlight some of these groups.

Business and Sustainability Group

The Palo Alto-based **Business** and **Sustainability Group** (BSG) works to shift the current economic

paradigm from one focused on short-term rewards for a limited group of stakeholders to one focused on the long-term well-being of the planet. BSG focuses on educating businesses, governments, and non-profits about how incorporating sustainability principles into strategic decisions can catalyze innovation, new market opportunities, and tangible bottom-line success.

Since 2001, BSG has focused on highlighting leading edge sustainable management practices by offering world-class, inspirational programs, including:

- sustainability breakfast speakers
- on-site presentations
- sustainability tours
- workshops and conferences

To learn how BSG can help your organization understand and incorporate sustainability into its operations, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.globalcommunity.org/business, email bsg@globalcommunity.org, or call (650) 328-7756.

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Is there new California legislation which will ban all businesses from disposing of fluorescent bulbs, batteries and electronic devices in the garbage?

In short, yes. California's Universal Waste Rules, effective since February 8, 2002, permitted specific waste generators (such as households and businesses generating small quantities) to send certain hazardous wastes to the landfill rather than requiring that they be recycled or handled by a hazardous waste hauler. This disposal allowance will expire as of February 9, 2006.

Although businesses using best management practices may already be recycling hazardous wastes which were initially exempted, as

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of Feb. 9, 2006, no amount of any of the following items can be legally disposed of in the garbage:

- Fluorescent, high intensity discharge, neon, mercury vapor, high pressure sodium and metal halide lamps
- Batteries (all types)



 Consumer electronic devices powered by electricity or battery with a printed circuit board (e.g. computers, printers, VCRs, stereos, copiers, cell phones)

Businesses will find a list of recycling companies for fluorescent bulbs, batteries, electronics and many more items at www.sunny-valerecycles.org (click on "Recycling Resources"). For additional information, please visit the Department of Toxic Substances Control's Universal Waste website at www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste, email www.dtsc.ca.gov/ HazardousWaste @dtsc.ca.gov or call (800) 728-6942 toll-free.

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